

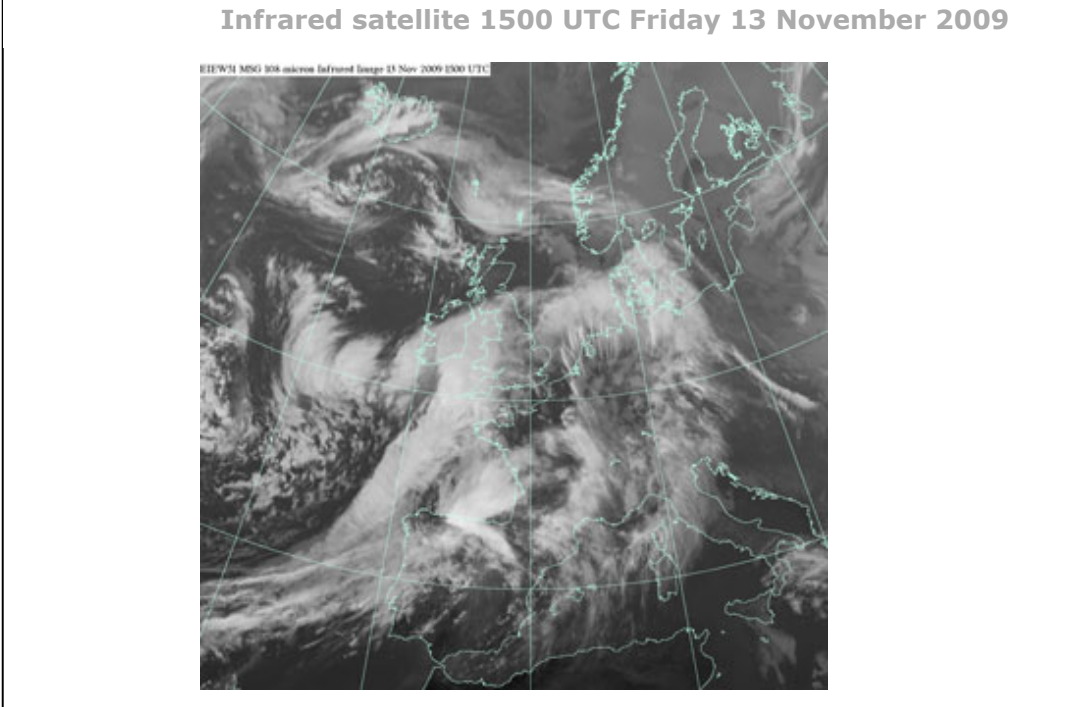
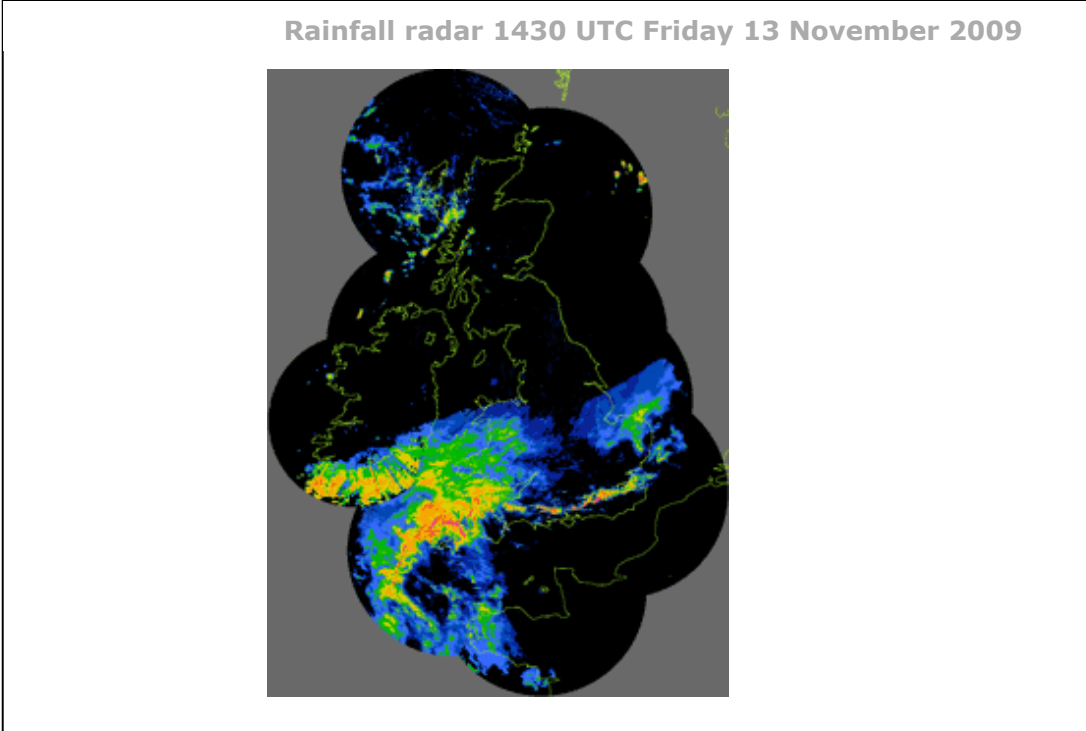
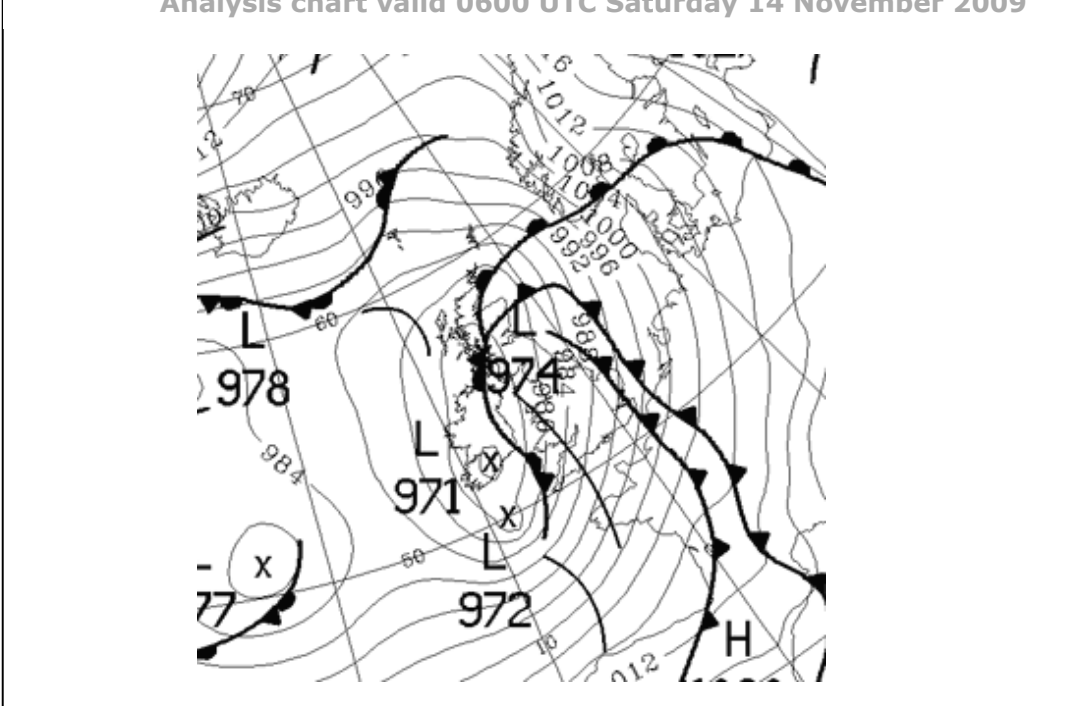
Stormy weather 13 and 14 November 2009

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Background

A very unsettled spell of weather affected all parts of the UK between Thursday 12 and Sunday 15 November, culminating in a particularly stormy, wet period on Friday and Saturday.

On Friday 13, a complex area of low pressure developed to the southwest of Ireland and moved north-east across the Irish Sea and western Scotland on Saturday. This swung bands of heavy rain across the UK giving significant accumulations in many western and southern areas. Some parts of Hampshire and Sussex recorded 30 mm of rain in 3 hours on Friday. The southerly wind strengthened to gale or severe gale force through Friday afternoon and evening, with gusts 65 to 75 m.p.h. in places. A second period of very strong winds and squally showers moved quickly across southern parts of Britain on Saturday with gusts widely reaching 50 to 60 m.p.h. and 80 to 90 m.p.h. in exposed coastal locations. There were also reports of tornadoes in the east of England on Saturday.



Impacts

- [Dover closed as winds hit 100mph](#) (the Independent)

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service carried out a number of water rescues in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire.

- [Storm forecast leaves Wales braced for yet more flooding](#) (WalesOnline)
- [Homes and roads hit by flooding](#) (BBC News)
- [Heavy rain and winds across Wales](#) (BBC News)

In Cornwall and Devon many roads were affected by surface water flooding, with problems exacerbated by trees and branches being brought down by the gales. These also brought down some power cables and caused damage to some roofs in Devon and Dorset. Part of the Camel Trail in Cornwall was closed due to fallen trees, and local authorities and the Highways Agency were also very busy keeping roads open. Coastal flooding was also reported in some places, especially Dorset, where the severe gales coincided with a high tide.

- [Heavy rain and gales cause chaos](#) (BBC News)
- [Miracle escape as storm lashes city](#) (This is Plymouth)
- [Gale-force storms result in chaos](#) (BBC News)
- [Storm force battering begins](#) (This is Devon)
- [Pregnant woman flees car in storm](#) (BBC News)
- [Britain prepares for ANOTHER battering after biggest storm of the year washes out the weekend](#) (Daily Mail)

South and east of England

- [Floods as UK faces stormy gales](#) (BBC News)
- [100mph storm winds batter south](#) (BBC News)
- [Suspected tornado hits Suffolk](#) (East Anglian Daily Times)

Weather data

Rainfall

Selected rainfall totals – 13 and 14 November 2009

Shap	53.0 mm
Kenley Airfield	45.8 mm
Sennybridge	43.8 mm
Charlwood	43.2 mm
Keswick	42.2 mm
Valley	40.4 mm
Okehampton	36.6 mm

Wind

Maximum wind gusts – 14 November 2009

Needles	100 m.p.h.
Manston	79 m.p.h.
Langdon Bay	79 m.p.h.
Isle of Portland	78 m.p.h.
Solent MRSC	76 m.p.h.
Aberdaron	74 m.p.h.
Culdrose	73 m.p.h.

How we did

Met Office advisories and warnings regarding the forecast heavy rain and severe gales were issued on our website from Wednesday onwards. We worked closely with the Environment Agency, local authority and emergency services across many parts of the UK from Wednesday onwards, briefing them about the likely impact of the stormy weather in their areas.

Please note that all values and statements are provisional and subject to change.